

Change happens when communities have the knowledge, resources and tools to grow connections between family farmers and underserved community residents.

Growing Food Connections aims to address the concerns of struggling family farmers and underserved community residents by building capacity of local governments and their partners to create, implement and sustain food system policies and plans that both promote food access and foster a healthy agricultural sector.



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LOCAL KNOWLEDGE

Two-Way Flow of Ideas and Information

3 MAJOR ACTIVITIES

Researchers, educators, students, planners and community partners will work within the communities to understand the barriers and innovations to create and provide policy tools and training.

TEAM & PARTNERS

The project will be guided by a National Advisory Committee with representation from diverse disciplines, regions and research backgrounds.



RESEARCH

Assess how local governments are using policy and planning tools to foster connections between family farmers and underserved community residents.

OUTCOMES
Local and regional governments adopt and enact plans/policies to connect farmers with consumers in food systems.

EDUCATION

Educate a new generation of students to continue the work of food systems planning in 10 partner universities across the U.S.

OUTCOMES
Universities train students in food systems policy and planning.

PLANNING & POLICY

Develop research-supported policy tools and training to help local governments develop and enact policies that reconnect underserved community residents with local and regional farmers.

OUTCOMES
Consumers, farmers and farm advocates participate and shape local government food policy.

An interdisciplinary and multi-institutional team of researchers and practitioners to integrate research, education and extension to grow food connections across communities.



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